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HHS SECRETARY ISSUES STATEMENT ON NEW STATE AGING DIRECTOR

SACRAMENTO – Kim Belshé, secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency, issued the following statement regarding the appointment of Lynn Daucher as the new director of the California Department of Aging:

“I am pleased to announce that Governor Schwarzenegger has appointed Lynn Daucher as the director of the California Department of Aging. In 2000, Lynn was elected to the Assembly and served there until the end of 2006. Her career in the Assembly reflects her deep policy expertise in and dedication to the issues confronting California, particularly those affecting aging Californians.

“She has been a legislative policy leader, supporting the integration of long-term and community care services for seniors and persons with disabilities. While in the Assembly, Lynn served as chair of the Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care and was a member of the Budget Subcommittee on Education and State Allocation Board. She was also chair of the Select Committee on Olmstead Implementation. Her other accomplishments include serving on the Brea Orlinda School Board and the Brea City Council.

“I am pleased to welcome her to her new role and am excited about the application of her considerable skills and abilities to our continued efforts to support the ability of seniors to live in the most independent, integrated setting possible and to live full, healthy and productive lives.

“I also extend my sincere thanks to Lora Connolly for ably and selflessly serving as the acting director of the department. Lora’s tireless dedication and constant commitment to improving services to seniors have had demonstrable impact across the state. We are grateful for her commitment to public service and to the Department of Aging, its employees, community partners and seniors.

“As acting director, Lora led the department’s efforts to build community capacity in support of California’s seniors, inform Administration efforts to advance the goals and principles of the Olmstead decision and promote state and national policy change on behalf of seniors. In particular, her concern for the well-being of the elderly in times of disaster has helped advance California’s ability to protect our residents. We look forward to Lora’s continued contribution to the Administration and to the Health and Human Services Agency.”

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